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Clock Manufacturing Industry

* 1890-R *Q.*—Sri N. K. Palanisami :
Sri T. T. Daniel } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a clock manufacturing industry in our State;

(*b*) if so, when, where and by whom and its proposed capital outlay; and

(*c*) the types of clocks to be manufactured there?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam : (*a*) There are a number of industrial concerns in Madras, which manufacture clocks. One of them has made arrangements to manufacture time-pieces also. Another firm has a proposal to set up a factory to manufacture watches.

(*b*) & (*c*) Government do not have precise information on these matters as the industry is in the Private Sector.

Sri N. K. Palanisami : May I know which company has undertaken to manufacture watches? What kind of watches were made and what is the investment?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam : P. Orr. & Sons Gani & Sons, Jalal & Sons, Standard Engineering Works, Rajesekhara & Co. (Industrial Estate), Leather Manufacturing Co., G. D. Naidu & Son, Coimbatore, Sea Shore Estates.

Production of edible groundnut flour (Pilot plant)

* 1890-S *Q.*—Sri A. A. Rasheed : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to establish a Pilot Plant for the production of edible groundnut cakes?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam : It is presumed that the Member refers to the proposal to set up a pilot plant for the manufacture of edible groundnut flour.

At the instance of the Government of India, this Government proposed to set up a pilot plant in the public sector for the manufacture of a high protein food, i.e., edible groundnut flour, with machinery and equipment to be supplied by the UNICEF on loan. The proposal has been modified subsequently and arrangements are being made to set up the unit in the private sector. The machinery to be supplied by the UNICEF will be installed in a private oil mill in Coimbatore and the cost of the machinery will be repaid with interest in 10 annual instalments in the form of edible groundnut flour. The Government of India have not yet finalised the terms and conditions under which the scheme will be implemented.